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For COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS
FOR FORMING AND
STRENGTHENING BONE

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SIR:

The above-identified application is a continuation of Application No. 09/606,768, filed June 29, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,372,257 B1. Claims 1-4, 18, 32, 50 and 56-60 are currently pending. Please amend the application as follows before first examination:

In the Claims:

Please add claims 65-76.

-- 65. (new) A composition as set forth in claim 56 wherein the cancellous bone is present at 10-50% (w/w).